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News worth sharing.

▶ Adele arrives at the 54th annual Grammy Awards on Sunday in Los Angeles. The British soul singer won the song of the year award for Rolling in the Deep. For more on the show, see page 9.

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Adele rolling in Grammys

City's third homicide victim ID'd

Victim found in front of Simcoe Street home dies in hospital

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A friend has identified the city's third homicide victim of 2012 as Walter (Wally) Murdock of Winnipeg.

Police were called to the 600 block of Simcoe Street around 4 a.m. Sunday after reports of an injured man in front of a home. The victim was taken to hospital in critical condition where he was later pronounced dead.

Police have not confirmed the victim's identity.

A woman, who would not identify herself, said Murdock was "like an uncle" to her and rushed to the scene minutes after learning about the murder.

"He was awesome," she said of Murdock, adding she'd known him her whole life. "He didn't hurt anybody."

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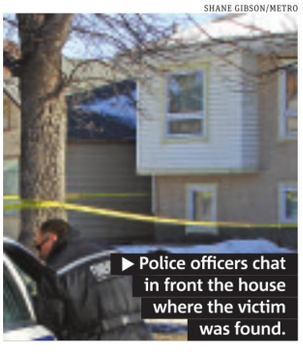

▶ Police officers chat in front the house where the victim was found.

The woman said Murdock was in his fifties and had just recently been diagnosed with throat cancer. She said he has a number of children and grandchildren and lived in a nearby apartment with his son.

Murdock had attended a social Saturday night and was on his way to see a friend in an apartment on Simcoe Street when he was killed, according to the woman. She said he was likely cutting through the yard where police found him.

"He was on his way to the building and he didn't make it," she said.

Forensics officers removed a fur-trimmed jacket, a pair of gloves and a hat from a spot in the front yard and also picked up what appeared to be chocolate Valentine's Day roses that were scattered next to the clothing.

"He made my daughter a necklace and blessed it and everything," said the woman while fighting back tears. "He's a wonderful person."

Police said early Sunday they hadn't positively identified the victim and wouldn't release details about his injuries or cause of death until an autopsy is completed.

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A five-year-old Kosovar girl has been rescued after an avalanche destroyed her home and killed her parents and at least seven of her relatives. Watch at metronews.ca/video

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Deadly fire that killed four under investigation

An investigation is underway to determine what caused a fire that police say killed four people in a trailer home north of Winnipeg.

Fire crews rushed to the scene in Selkirk shortly before 5 a.m. Saturday.

Police said the four who died were all males. Two of them, aged 42 and 39, lived in the home. An 18-year-old man from Selkirk who was the son of the 42-year-old, also perished, along with another Selkirk resident who was 37.

Police said a 19-year-old man from Selkirk who was visiting the home escaped with injuries, which they said were not life-threatening.

Freda Whiteway, who lives in a trailer across the street from the one that burned, said her family woke up early Saturday to the smell of smoke. When they looked out their window, flames were coming from the trailer and firefighters were already on the scene.

Whiteway said she'd met the people in the trailer a number of times, mostly to deal with problems.

"I used to get after them all the time to tell them not to party," Whiteway said.

"They'd keep my granddaughter awake."

Police and fire officials were still at the scene on Saturday afternoon. The light-blue trailer with white trim was blackened around the front window and entrance, and officials said damage is extensive.

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Smiling. In the 'Peg

▶ Rick Mercer, right, along with Forks employee Dave Pancoe, try out the outdoor zamboni on the Red River. The Canadian funnyman was in Winnipeg Sunday filming a segment about The Forks' warming huts and skating activities for his show, Rick Mercer Report. The segment will likely air in the next few weeks.

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Comedian Rick Mercer in Winnipeg for show

Here's your chance to get struck by Cupid's arrow

▶ Valentine's Day party held exclusively for eligible bachelors and bachelorettes ▶ Part of proceeds go to the United Way of Winnipeg

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A party this Valentine's Day is giving single Winnipeggers something to celebrate too.

The (F)Un-Valentine's Day VIP Party is being held Feb. 14 and only Winnipeg's most eligible bachelors and bachelorettes are invited.

"If all the couples are getting together, what are the single people in Winnipeg doing that night?" asked party organizer Ron Cantiveros. "We figured lets have a party, because what else do single people do better than party?"

The evening is open to all single professionals over the age of 25, and Cantiveros hopes to see more couples than singles leaving once the party is over.

"People have to get off the social networks, and if they're looking for someone to meet they have to meet them in person," he said.

Icebreaker games are planned and door prizes including tickets to that night's Winnipeg Jets game against the New York Islanders will be given away.

The party will be held at the Boa Lounge at 177 Lombard Ave. from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and tickets are selling for $20 in advance at HitchParties.com or $30 at the door.

Three arrested in residential robbery

Three men are in police custody after a 45-year-old man was assaulted with a metal bar during a residential break and enter on Saturday night.

Officers responded to a home in the 600 block of Talbot Avenue at approximately 11:30 p.m. after three armed men with their identities concealed forced their way into the residence and assaulted the man before driving away with an undisclosed amount of cash and other personal items.

The suspect vehicle was located in the area of Main Street and Kingsbury Avenue and a traffic stop was initiated. One of the suspects was taken into custody while the other two suspects took off on foot.

The two fleeing suspects were tracked down and arrested near Ballard Crescent with assistance from members of the WPS Canine Unit.

Three males aged 20, 25 and 31 were taken into custody and are facing several charges including break and enter, disguise with intent, and assault with a weapon. SHANE GIBSON

News in brief

Cops look into suspected shots

Police are investigating after residents in a home in the 200 block of McIntosh Avenue were startled by what they believed to be gunshots early Saturday morning.

Officers responded to the home around 1:40 a.m. where two 21-year-old male residents reported hearing a gun being fired and the sound of glass breaking. METRO

Man sought after robbery

Winnipeg police are looking for a male suspect following an armed robbery at a restaurant in the 500 block of Sargent Avenue Saturday afternoon. METRO

An area built from pirates' treasure

Eastleigh neighbourhood of Nairobi, once a ramshackle settlement, now has shiny new buildings

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Envy the residents of Eastleigh, Nairobi: despite the global recession, the investments keep flowing in.

They have new shopping malls, and more are under construction. The neighbourhood in Kenya's capital city is nicknamed Little Mogadishu, and many of the investors are pirates.

"Somali pirates are doing huge business hijacking ships, and most of their money is being laundered in Nairobi," explains Ernesto Savona, professor of criminology at Catholic University in Milan. "Little Mogadishu is beautiful, with new cars and buildings. With a $9-million ransom, you could buy a whole modern building in Nairobi."

Only a few years ago, Eastleigh was a poor settlement.

Piracy is booming off the Horn of Africa. In 2010 alone, more than 1,000 seamen were taken hostage. According to the UN, the pirates were paid an average ransom of $4.85 million, and a new study reports that Somali piracy now costs the world $7 billion per year.

Just like the Mafia, Somali pirates need to park their fortunes somewhere.

"The most common methods are basic forms of money laundering, such as investing in real estate or front-businesses, sending money to relatives or buying expensive goods in cash," explains a spokesman for the UN Office on Drugs and Crime.

Notes Mark Schroeder, Africa director at intelligence firm Stratfor: "They're not as sophisticated as the Mafia. But they're entrepreneurial. They know where to put their money. And by Somali standards, this is the most money you could ever hope to make."

Somalia's GDP per capita is $600.

The young pirates support the entire Somali economy. According to the UN, 40 per cent of the ransom goes directly to the Somali economy: bribes and creating jobs. The pirates even invest in cattle.

According to a recent report by Chatham House, a think tank, pirates' ransoms have even led to wage increases in Somalia.

Nairobi is a logical place to invest. Kenya neighbours Somalia and has a stable government, as well as a large number of Somalis, most of whom reside in Eastleigh. Though the majority of these Somalis are law-abiding residents, many — knowingly or not — build businesses with pirate money.

"Somalia couldn't absorb this kind of cash," notes Schroeder. "Nairobi can."

Nairobi is also a hub for Al Shabab, the al-Qaida-affiliated terrorist group that controls Somalia.

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▶ Nairobi's Little Mogadishu is a slum no more. Check out the new cars and the shiny new building in the background.

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▶ Members of Kosovo Security Forces and fire fighters clear snow to make their way at the site where an avalanche hit houses in the village of Restelica, southern Kosovo, Sunday.

Girl, 5, rescued from avalanche

Rescuers have pulled a five-year-old girl alive from the rubble of a house flattened by a massive avalanche that killed both her parents and at least seven of her relatives in a remote mountain village in southern Kosovo.

Col. Shemsi Syla, a spokesman for the Kosovo Security Force, said officers discovered the girl when they heard her voice and cellphone. Her home was buried under 10 metres of snow.

Rescuers cheered and pumped their fists in the air late Saturday as the girl, identified as Asmira Reka, was pulled out alive. A video aired on Klan Kosova TV showed rescuers covering the girl with blankets, before she was rushed to hospital.

Amid subfreezing temperatures Sunday, local villagers baring fierce snowstorms used shovels to dig deep into the snow-covered rubble — all that remained of the one-story brick houses. One more person is believed missing.

"No bigger tragedy has ever struck this region," said local district official Behar Ramadani. "Two brothers with their wives and children have been killed."

The cold snap in Europe, which began late January, has killed hundreds of people. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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▶ A fireman tries to extinguish a burning cinema in Athens on Sunday. At least 10 buildings were set on fire by rioters during protests against Greece's tough austerity measures.

Athens burns as cuts approved

Riots and looting engulf central Athens Plan will axe one in five civil-service jobs, slash minimum wage

Greek lawmakers on Monday approved harsh new austerity measures demanded by bailout creditors to save the debt-crippled nation from bankruptcy, after rioters in central Athens torched buildings, looted shops and clashed with riot police.

The historic vote paves the way for Greece's European partners and the International Monetary Fund to release $130 billion US in new rescue loans, without which Greece would default on its debt mountain next month and likely leave the eurozone — a scenario that would further roil global markets.

Sunday's clashes erupted after more than 100,000 protesters marched to the parliament to rally against the drastic cuts.

At least 45 businesses were damaged by fire, including several historic buildings, movie theatres, banks and a cafeteria, in the worst riot damage in Athens in years. Fifty police officers were injured and at least 70 protesters were hospitalized. Sixty-seven suspected rioters were arrested and a further 70 detained.

As the vote got under way early Monday, Prime Minister Lucas Papademos urged calm, pointing to the country's dire financial straits.

Since May 2010, Greece has survived on a $110-billion bailout from its European partners. When that proved insufficient, the new rescue package was approved.

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GOVERNMENT

Expenses get very expensive

Stephen Harper's senior bureaucrats have been racking up some hefty airfares at a time of government restraint.

Travel expenses recently posted for the final quarter of 2011 show executives at the Privy Council Office, the prime minister's own department, paid costly fares last year on some of the most competitive routes to Europe and elsewhere.

The trips included jaunts to conferences and summits in places like London, Paris and Australia, costing taxpayers as much as $15,000 per trip in some cases.

The Harper government was embroiled in several travel-related controversies in 2011. CTV News reported in September that the chief of defence staff, Gen. Walter Natynczyk, spent almost $1.5 million since 2008 flying on government-owned Challenger aircraft, once to a Caribbean holiday.

And late last year, it was revealed Defence Minister Peter MacKay called in a military search-and-rescue chopper to take him from a vacation at a Newfoundland fishing camp to a nearby airport, from which he flew to a government announcement in Ontario.

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U.K. press needs tougher penalty system: Minister

Britain's The Sun tabloid has seen 9 employees recently arrested for alleged connection to phone-hacking scandal

Britain's government minister responsible for the media said Sunday the country's press must face tougher penalties for breaches of standards in the wake of the tabloid phone-hacking scandal.

Culture Secretary Jeremy Hunt also said newspapers must change their system of self-regulation, but insisted the government should not have any role in enforcing standards. The current watchdog, the Press Complaints Commission, is funded by the industry and can demand a newspaper publish an apology, but has no power to issue fines.

Some lawmakers have previously suggested journalists who breach ethics rules should be prevented from working.

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▶ Culture Secretary Jeremy Hunt.

Britain's media ethics inquiry, which has heard evidence from celebrities including J.K. Rowling and Hugh Grant, crime victims, newspaper executives and reporters, is expected to recommend major changes to press regulation when it issues findings this year.

"I think everyone recognizes we don't want the state regulating content," Hunt told BBC television.

But Hunt said Britain needed "a tougher system, and I would like it to be an industry-led system," but added that "if a newspaper is going to be punished for stepping out of line then it needs to be a credible punishment." The country's broadcasters are regulated by a separate communications industry watchdog.

Hunt's comments follow new developments in the police investigations into alleged wrongdoing by Britain's tabloids.

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Robotic. Spin

▶ Thu Trinh, left, and Huyen Vu, sales executives with TOSY Robotics, show off the AFO lighted and spinning toy at the American International Toy Fair on Sunday in New York.

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A toy story with the latest trends

The TOSY Robotics show is attended by hundreds of vendors and thousands of buyers who can view the latest trends in the toy industry.

Another deal for Air Canada

Air Canada has reached a tentative collective agreement with the Canadian Airline Dispatchers Association, representing the airline's 74 flight dispatchers, which assist in the preparation for departures and arrivals at Toronto Pearson International Airport.

The airline said Sunday the agreement was subject to ratification by the employees, and approval by the Air Canada board.

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Market moment

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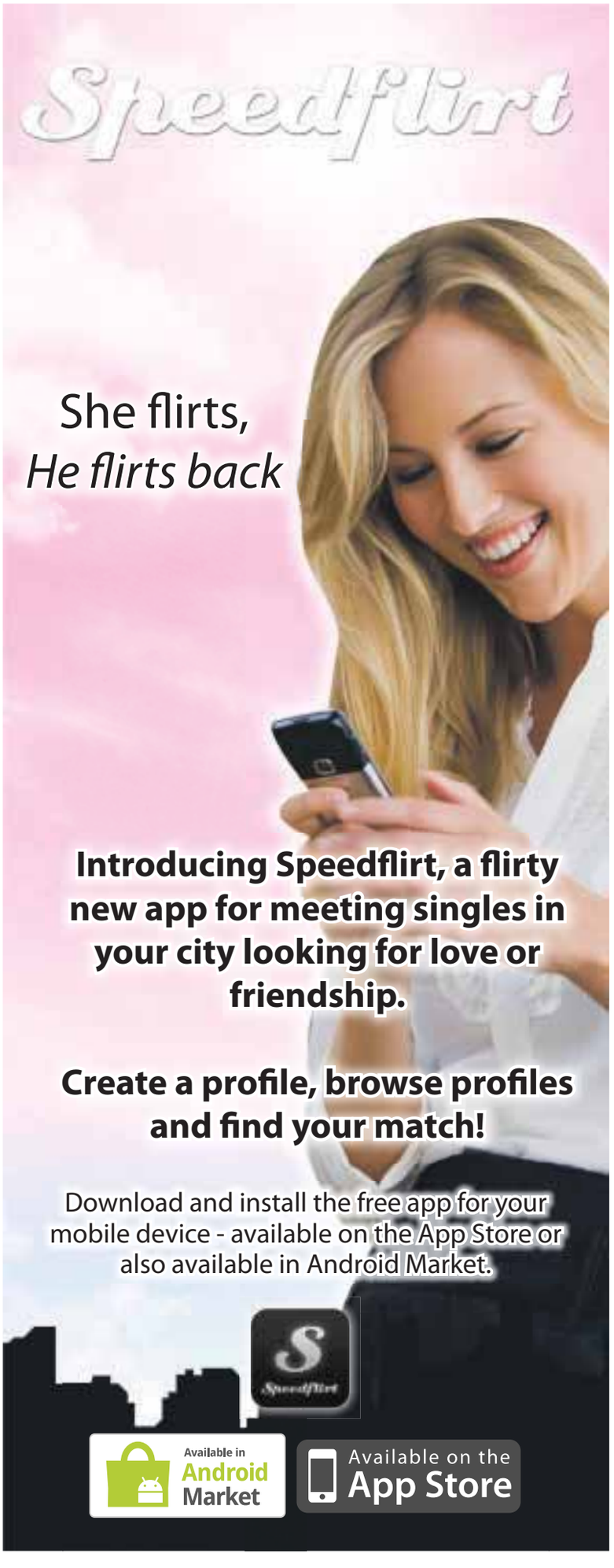
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The future of Osborne Village could be at risk. Or at least that's what you'd believe if you listened to a vocal minority of Village residents who plan to oppose the expansion of Shoppers Drug Mart in their neighbourhood at a civic hearing this week.

It's not often I'll jump to the defence of a large corporation, but from almost any perspective, I have to side with Shoppers on this issue.

From a business angle, this is a simple transaction. The family that owns Movie Village also owns the property currently occupied by that store and Vi-Ann restaurant. While it's a convenient narrative to say Shoppers is "forcing" Movie Village and Vi-Ann out of business, it's false. The owner wants to sell, Shoppers wants to buy.

"Osborne Village is the closest thing Winnipeg has to a 24-hour district, and Shoppers plays an important part."

As for fitting the character of the neighbourhood, the Village already is home to Safeway, A&W, Starbucks, American Apparel, Burger King and Dollarama. It stopped being a bastion of bohemian independence long ago.

Even from an urban design perspective, what's proposed is an improvement. A brick facade that matches nearby buildings will replace two ugly stucco boxes. A second storey space will be available to other commercial tenants, possibly even Vi-Ann.

I can think of several ways to improve the design, but I'm not paying for the redevelopment. In the same way, maybe those opposed to the proposal would have been more effective spending the last few months writing business plans instead of protest emails. Convince Shoppers that a larger, multi-tenant building could work.

Finally, there's the argument a larger Shoppers isn't needed, or even wanted. Clearly the company wants to expand because the demands of the market — i.e. Village residents — support that decision. This much is obvious to anyone who shops there.

I was there recently when I was hit with an illness in the middle of the night. It was 4:30 am and there were nearly two dozen other customers in the store, on a Wednesday! And just try picking up something quick on a Saturday night or a holiday. The place will be packed.

Osborne Village is the closest thing Winnipeg has to a 24-hour district, and Shoppers plays an important part. Whether it's seniors picking up prescriptions, or hipsters picking up mix before heading to a party, that store is the closest thing the Village has to a community hub. Expanding its services will add to that vitality, not take away from it.

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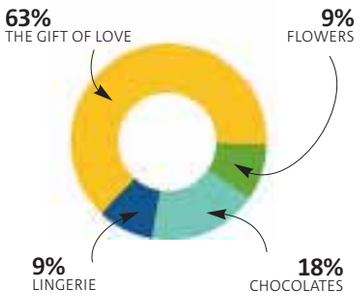

Local tweets

- **@rick-mercer:** Heading to Winnipeg. Its been too long.
- **@jeremyhiebert:** @rick-mercer dude let's party!
- **@beautymuse2011:** @rick-mercer — Let's meet at the Forks and share some mini donuts!! Welcome to the Paris of the Prairies....I may be stalking!
- **@jguelich66:** @rickmercer it will be nice to have another Newfoundlander here we need more in this city. Have a great trip
- **@lynnellehebert:** @rick-mercer Cool! If you're at the Forks & you meet an actress called Marise Lepine, freak her out by calling her by her real name Julie :)
- **@parlourcoffee:** @rick-mercer @ianmcc if you like coffee, and if you're in the area, and if you can spare the time, we'd like to make you a coffee. Just sayin
- **@Oatuling:** @rickmercer why are you coming to Winnipeg? Should I tidy up my place for a visit?
- **@AlexMunilla:** @rick-mercer we turned up the heat in town just for your arrival. Enjoy your stay!

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That's a mouthful

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Playing plow-boys and Indians

A villager balances a plow in his mouth during a rural sports festival, also known as Indian Rural Olympics, in Kila Raipur, near Ludhiana, India, on Saturday.

The festival featured major Punjabi rural sports including bullock cart race, tug-of-war and tractor races. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports crazy

- Sikh warriors demonstrated ancient skills, like the man shown at left riding two horses at once.
- Villagers displayed their strength by allowing a tractor carrying three adults to drive over them or by pulling a car with their teeth.
- There were animal events, too, with bulls jumping upended cots and horses dancing to drum beats.

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Grammy Awards strike a sombre note

Whitney Houston's death overshadows big wins by Adele, Kanye West and the Foo Fighters

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▶ Dave Grohl, centre, and fellow Foo Fighters Nate Mendel, left and Taylor Hawkins, right, accept their award for best rock performance.

Adele made her return to the stage and the Foo Fighters piled up the hardware at the 54th Grammy Awards, but the focus was on tributes rather than trophies as a grieving music industry said goodbye to the late Whitney Houston.

Off the top of the show, host L.L. Cool J led the first of many tributes to Houston by announcing that the industry had endured a "death in the family," before leading a prayer to the singer — who died suddenly Saturday night.

"Whitney, we will always love you," he said.

That was followed by a retrospective video devoted to the singer. L.L. Cool J finished his monologue on a high-energy note before multiple nominee Bruno Mars led a frenetic performance of his single Runaway Baby.

The Foo Fighters had five trophies by the midpoint of the show while Adele and Kanye West had won four apiece.

"Long live rock 'n' roll!" shouted Foo Fighters frontman Dave Grohl while producers tried to play him off the stage.

It was a humorous moment in an otherwise muted show.

The focus on Houston understandably drew attention away from what was supposed to be Adele's night.

Still, the 23-year-old Brit had four awards by the midpoint of the show — including song of the year — and sang for the first time since undergoing vocal microsurgery in November, delivering a stirring take on Rolling in the Deep.

Toronto native Melanie Fiona was a double winner before dedicating the two trophies she won for her Cee Lo Green collaboration Fool For You to Houston with an impassioned speech. Montreal's Caroline Robert was also a winner, taking best recording package for designing the deluxe re-release of Arcade Fire's The Suburbs.

The rest of the Canadian contingent didn't fare so well.

Toronto rapper Drake and DJ Deadmau5 — from Niagara Falls, Ont. — were each shut out despite three nominations apiece, while Sum 41 and Toronto composer Ryan Shore also missed out on awards.

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Winners

- **Album of the year:** 21, Adele
- **Record of the year:** Rolling in the Deep, Adele
- **Song of the year:** Rolling in the Deep, Adele Adkins & Paul Epworth
- **Best rock song:** Walk, Foo Fighters
- **Best traditional R&B performance:** Fool For You, Cee Lo Green & Melanie Fiona

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▶ Nicki Minaj arrives on the red carpet.

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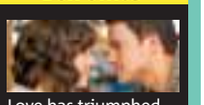
Box office



Love has triumphed over action at the weekend box office, with a No. 1 debut for the romantic drama The Vow. The love story starring Rachel McAdams and Channing Tatum took in $41.7 million. Landing a close second with $39.3 million was Denzel Washington and Ryan Reynolds' thriller Safe House. Coming in solidly at No. 3 was Dwayne Johnson's Journey 2: The Mysterious Island with $27.6 million.

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A life of highs and lows

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A look at the ups and downs of Whitney Houston's life.

Highs

The charts

- Houston ruled them in the 1980s and early '90s. She was the first artist ever to score seven consecutive No. 1 Billboard Hot 100 hits, which included Saving All My Love for You, How Will I Know, Greatest Love of All, I Wanna Dance with Somebody (Who Loves Me) and more.

The movies

- Although not critically acclaimed, her film work was respected and popular with fans, with The Bodyguard earning $410 million worldwide.

Lows

The marriage

- The pairing raised eyebrows: the church-going Houston and the hard-edged R&B singer Bobby Brown. He was repeatedly arrested. She lost her good-girl image.

The drugs

- Houston was open about her addictions. And the toll they took on her voice was evident in her final albums.

The end

- After appearing on a reality show about her husband, Houston is now remembered as a "former" icon-turned-mess. But her legacy remains. Her fans will always love her.

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Whitney Houston — music icon, best-selling artist, winner of six Grammy awards, movie star and admitted drug addict — died Feb. 11 at age 48, a spokesman said.

She was found unresponsive at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Los Angeles, hours before she was to attend a Grammy party hosted by music producer Clive Davis.

Born in Newark, N.J., into a musical family, Houston was the daughter of Cissy Houston, a gospel singer, and cousin of Dionne Warwick (with Aretha Franklin as her godmother).

In the 1980s, she started performing with her mom in New York City nightclubs, where she was spotted by Davis, who produced her debut, Whitney Houston, in 1985.

How Will I Know, Saving All My Love, The Greatest Love of All: The songs became the soundtrack to the 1980s, selling millions. Her follow-ups also went No. 1, with the 1992 soundtrack to her film The Bodyguard topping the U.S. charts for months. Its single, I Will Always Love You, was the best-selling single by a female artist ever.

Over her lifetime, Houston sold some 55 million records.

But in the 1990s, her career, and life, went downhill.

In 1992, she married Bobby Brown, an R&B singer. They divorced in 1997, but not before years of domestic abuse calls and doing drugs together.

Houston began admitting her problems with marijuana and cocaine (not crack; "Crack is whack," she said memorably) in television interviews.

"The biggest devil is me," she told TV interviewer Diane Sawyer in 2002, with Brown next to her.

"I'm either my best friend or worst enemy."

She is survived by their daughter, 18-year-old Bobbi Kristina Houston Brown.

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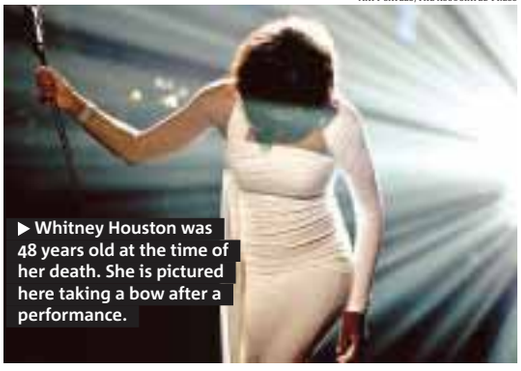

▶ Whitney Houston was 48 years old at the time of her death. She is pictured here taking a bow after a performance.

SAD, SAD WAY TO LEAVE THIS WORLD

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If you had to pinpoint the moment things began to go wrong for Whitney Houston, it was around the same time everything was going right. In 1992, she had already sold nearly 50 million albums and was about to sell 44 million more with The Bodyguard soundtrack.

There was her children's charity, her support of Nelson Mandela and a world tour.

But she married Bobby Brown, a guy who came with a lot of very heavy baggage. Together, they became tabloid gold.

By 2000, her erratic behaviour, increasingly embarrassing live performances and a shocking deterioration in her physical appearance turned her into a punchline for morbid jokes.

There were stories alleging cocaine and crack abuse. There were no-shows at important events. Word spread that working with her was impossible.

Even non-insiders saw that she was messed up and getting more messed up by the month. As early as 2001, MTV began assembling video for an obit for when the inevitable happened.

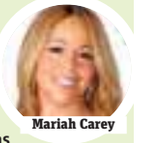
Lately, though, things seemed to be getting much, much better with even a possible shot at being a judge on X Factor.

It's too early to call this a junkie's death, although that might turn out to be the case. Perhaps it was death by misadventure. Or it could be some kind of cardiac failure resulting from years of drug abuse.

After all, isn't this the woman that was once quoted as saying, "Crack is whack"?

But whatever the story, it's a sad, sad way to go for a woman with one of the greatest voices of the last couple of generations.

Celebrity Twitter reaction



Mariah Carey
She will never be forgotten as one of the greatest voices to ever grace the earth.

Simon Cowell
I am so sad to hear about Whitney. We have lost one of the greatest singers of all time.

Christina Aguilera
We have lost another legend.

Wyclef Jean
This is the saddest thing I've ever had to write in my life, R I P to one of the greatest humans that I have ever known Whitney Houston

Queen Latifah
Oh Dear Lord! Hurting so Bad!!! MY Sister Whitney!!!!!!! Newark please Pray!!! World Please Pray!

Ricky Martin
RIP Whitney Houston. Sending my love and deepest condolences to her family and friends. Fly Whitney Fly

Visit metronews.ca/whitney for more coverage and to see videos of her top five performances.

How to hook up

FIND A V-DAY DATE WITHOUT LOOKING LIKE A STALKER

IAN KERNER
SEX COUNSELLOR

Look out and loiter

During the day, spend more time loitering in social areas, such as where you go for lunch or the coffee bar, in case you catch someone's eye. If there's someone on the subway you find cute and he or she is reading a book, spark up a conversation by asking a question about it.

Fleet (flirty tweets)

Do something cute or clever via Twitter or Facebook. Tweet or update your status to something along the lines of 'cooking for one tonight, any suggestions for a menu :).' Someone you have a thing for could write back saying, 'hey, let's cook for two.'

The (s)ex factor

Look through your emails or phone and see if anyone rings any bells like a sex buddy or someone you have a crush on and with whom you know it'll be just for the night. It's not a bad thing to reach into the past a little bit as long as it's all done in the spirit of fun and you're not getting yourself into any sort of emotional situation.

Sexy and spontaneous

Organize a spontaneous night out for anyone who doesn't have a sweetie tonight. A lot of venues, such as galleries or bars, have things geared toward single people on Valentine's Day, so it's not too hard to etch out last minute plans. Once you're out, start dancing or chatting with someone you wouldn't normally approach. It helps to have a friend as it makes you feel more at ease and you'll be more approachable.

It all comes down to you feeling sexy and bold. As long as you're more extroverted and flirtatious than you normally would then there's no reason why you shouldn't be getting some Valentine's lovin'.

For more, check out iankerner.com.

Quiz: Why am I single?

Why are you alone? Take this little test to find out the real answer

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▶ Is he Mr. Right?

ALL PHOTOS: THINKSTOCK

▶ I love weddings!

1. An attractive lady or fellow smiles at you on the subway. You:
A Look away
B Sorry, what did you say? My head's buried in a book on ancient bee-keeping methods
C Deepen your scowl and cross your arms
D Are too busy eyeballing someone else

2. When you go to a party, you:
A Spend the whole time sneaking away to play Words with Friends
B Spend the whole time thinking about the reality TV marathon you'd rather be watching
C Tell everyone who will listen the awful story about the time your ex slept with your friend (whom he or she he met on your birthday)
D I don't really go to parties. Too busy "makin' it rain" at the strip club

3. It's summertime. You're in the park and a cutie's frisbee is tossed your way. (S)he approaches you to retrieve it. You:
A Quickly throw it back without a smile Out.of.my.league.
B Don't notice because it didn't hit the bee hotel you're building
C Take out your laptop
D Smile and compliment him/her on his/her slammin' bod

4. Describe your average weekend:
A These nails aren't gonna paint themselves, am I right?
B Visiting an out-of-town store devoted entirely to antique Judaica
C People are so insufferable, why would I want to make plans with them?
D Going to dinner with your married friends

5. It's time for your annual company retreat. Your co-workers:
A Don't notice you're not there; you always skip out on office events
B Avoid you like the plague; all you ever talk about is bears, beets and The Wire
C Are other disgruntled office drones; misery loves company!
D Have all already had sex with you, so you have to hit on the waiters at the end-of-weekend party

6. Which song do you identify with the most?
A I Am A Rock by Simon and Garfunkel
B The song of the humpback whale. Real "music" doesn't do it for me
C Heaven Knows I'm Miserable Now by The Smiths
D Where Them Girls At by David Guetta

7. How many relationships have you had?
A None. I just can't seem to meet or click with people
B One, but we broke up soon after because (she or he thought I spend too much time online)
C A few. And boy, was that last one a doozey
D Relationships are for suckers

8. How do you feel about attending weddings?
A I go only when forced to — if it's that of a close family member or friend
B Love 'em! A new audience I can impress with my killer humpback whale calls
C They're a great chance to place bets on when the couple will divorce
D Um, have you seen Wedding Crashers?

9. What's your favourite way to unwind after a long day at work?
A Drinks with a few tried and true friends at our usual haunt
B Re-organizing my antique Judaica collection
C On the couch alone, downing half-a-bottle of red wine and listening to some Adele
D Hitting up a couples' cooking class by myself

10. Do you exercise?
A Sure, love running and hiking solo
B Not really. Usually spend all my free time holed up in a movie theatre. And I thought The Artist was so overrated.
C What's the point of looking good? Nobody's looking at me anyway
D Duh. The gym is the best place to troll for this weekend's hotness

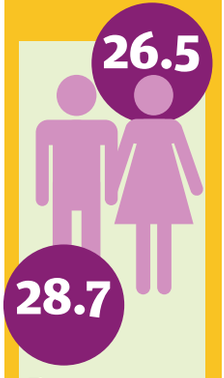
You're single because...

- **Mostly A's: You don't put yourself out there enough.** We know you're a catch but you don't give anyone else the chance to get to know you. Perhaps you're shy, sticking to your comfort zone, a loner or all three. Diversify your social activities, take more risks and put yourself in situations where you can meet new people.
- **Mostly B's: Your interests are too narrow.** It's time for a reality check: Those fascinating things are only fascinating to you. Try developing new skills and hobbies that will allow you to connect with a wider group of people, and don't let your all-consuming love of miniature accordions alienate others.
- **Mostly C's: You're bitter.** Whoa. Putting aside the fact that you may need therapy, it's clear that you've given up on love. Tone it down. Fake a smile. Take an inspirational seminar. And yeah, definitely start therapy.
- **Mostly D's: You're not looking for a relationship.** We're pretty sure you didn't even need to take this quiz — you know why you're single and we're jealous. Good for you! (Use protection.)

3 life

Stats for singles

2012 It's the Year of the Dragon, traditionally a very auspicious time to get hitched.



The average age people marry — it's later every year.
SOURCE: PEW STUDY

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single men were given a test to see if they're narcissistic. They also had their cortisol levels measured to see if they had high levels of stress. The most arrogant men had the highest levels. SOURCE: UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN AND UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

Lollipops, glow sticks help to ensure your Valentines won't fall flat.

Jazz up classic comfort food

Miso is more than just a soup we slurp with sushi Fermented bean paste is a creative addition to this twist on macaroni and cheese

Though miso is from China, it is best known for its role in Japanese cooking, where it is used in soups, sauces, marinades, glazes and dressings.

Miso can vary widely in colour and flavour intensity based on how long it is aged and what ingredients are added with it.

Your best bet is to stick with sweet white miso. Its mellow savoury-sweet flavour is versatile and pleasant.

A stronger kind of miso can be an acquired taste for some.

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Miso Mac and Cheese

This recipe makes six servings.

Preparation:

1. In pot of boiling, salted water, cook pasta for about 8 mins. or until tender but firm. Reserve 50 ml (1/4 cup) of the cooking water, then drain and set aside.
2. Meanwhile, in a large, deep skillet over medium, heat oil. Cook mushrooms for about 6 minutes or until well browned.
3. Move skillet off heat. In a small bowl, mix together creme fraiche and miso. Stir in creme fraiche mixture, Parmesan, cheddar, garlic powder and hot sauce into mushrooms.
4. Once cheese has melted, add drained pasta. Stir in enough of the reserved pasta cooking water to moisten, until pasta is coated. Season with salt and pepper if desired.

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Ingredients:

- 500 g (1 lb) elbow pasta
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil
- 500 ml (2 cups) thinly sliced shiitake mushrooms
- 250 g (8 oz) creme fraiche
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) sweet white miso paste
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) shredded cheddar cheese
- 5 ml (1 tsp) garlic powder
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) hot sauce
- Salt and ground black pepper

Rose Reisman's Choose It And Lose It

We all know that breakfast is the most important meal of the day. However, just because it sounds healthy, doesn't mean it is!

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210 CALS, 1 GM FAT, 13 GM SUGAR

THE SMALL AMOUNT OF DRIED BERRIES AND LACK OF NUTS BRING DOWN CALORIES. THE GRANOLA CLUSTERS ARE DELICIOUS. [FOR MORE, VISIT ROSEREISMAN.COM]

Shading your energy costs

There is a simple solution to cutting your energy Natural window blinds can save you up to 50 per cent

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Window blinds can help save you money on energy costs.

Boosting your home's insulation can be a daunting, expensive task: sealing cracks, replacing doors and windows, ripping walls apart to add more fibreglass.

If that's making you cringe, there are simpler solutions. It turns out you can cut expenditures like air conditioning by as much as 50 per cent with a simple, humble, old-school product – the window blind.

"Glass lets heat or cold penetrate from the outside to the inside, and vice versa, very easily," says Steve Kleihege, a product management specialist at Blinds.com. "You need something – another barrier – to stop that from happening."

We're not talking about a simple roll-up piece of vinyl or plastic here. Sophisticated design and natural ingredients make a huge difference in how much money and energy you can save.

"When I think of eco-friendly window products, I like ones that are manufactured out of products naturally grown from the earth, that don't contaminate anything in the air, and can be recycled," Kleihege explains.

Bamboo blinds put an attractive, natural barrier between your home and the sun's heat. But if you really want to cut your electricity bill, cellular shades are the way to go.

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Windows account for 20 per cent of the exterior wall space in many homes – and 20 times more heat flows through them when they are uncovered. This unnecessarily eats up energy, in the form of extra heating or air conditioning.

"These products are manufactured out of fabric. They have pockets formed in the blind that help trap air, which stops the heat or the cold coming from the outside into your room. For best savings, your shade would need to be lowered on every window, especially during the day. And in the evening time when the heat isn't so bad, you can always raise them up."

Window glass is a spectacularly efficient transmitter of heat. The biggest window-blind savings come from exterior products, which block the sunlight before it even reaches your glass.

"You have roller shades, which are like screens, and you can also have permanent stationary screens on the outside," says Kleihege. "That is probably the most energy-efficient shade out there. If the heat never touches the glass, it will never get to your room."

For more information, check out blinds.com.

Turning the dial to determination

He pursued his dream relentlessly for more than a decade Finally Fitzroy Gordon's hard work is paying off

TURNING POINT

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Fitzroy Gordon was nine years old when he bought his first transistor radio in Jamaica.

He listened for hours and soon the budding DJ had his own radio station set up in the backyard. He spent all day spinning records and interviewing imaginary guests.

After his family moved to Canada, Gordon got into broadcasting and he realized that the black and Caribbean communities were not being served on the radio in Toronto.

I thought, "I'm going to step up and make it happen."

▶ Fitzroy Gordon in the control room on the morning of his radio station launch.

In 1998, Gordon assembled a team and began a 13-year odyssey to secure a spot on the dial for his radio station.

He had no idea the emotional toll it would take on his life as he lost everything, including relationships, his house and car.

"I hope my story will give people strength, resolve and inspiration to fight on because without a fight you can never have victory."

FITZROY GORDON

Gordon battled on and finally after a trip to Parliament Hill and an intervention from the Prime Minister, Fitzroy put G98.7 FM on the air in Toronto in November of 2011.

Now he plans to build a radio network across Canada.

"I hope my story will give people strength, resolve and inspiration to fight on because without a fight you can never have victory."

Spinning a song of success

Fitzroy Gordon's advice for the aspiring entrepreneur:

- Dreams never die, only the dreamer.
- The more difficulties you have the more determined you must become.
- Nothing comes easy. Perspiration brings inspiration.
- Have faith in your dream.

The caf gets cool

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▶ Some school cafeteries are getting students excited.

Typically, college is not fondly remembered for culinary experiences, as students shuffle between the cafeteria and campus pizza joint.

But there are plenty of students and administrators alike who are pushing for more creative forms of nourishment. Here are three of the best campus culinary ideas taking hold at schools across the United States in 2012.

Michigan Technological University's
Khana Khazana

What started as a fundraiser for Haitian relief is now a thriving weekly tradition at MTU. Each Friday, a different international student plays guest chef at the university cafeteria, sharing a favourite dish with fellow students.

With scarce ethnic cuisine available on the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, Khana Khazana (Hindi for "food treasure") attempts to open the minds of MTU students while filling their bellies along the way.

University of California, Riverside's
Culinary Chameleon

While food trucks are deeply ingrained in the culture of urban Northeast campuses, they're still largely an experiment at West Coast schools.

Rather than contracting vendors, this month UC Riverside is attempting to launch a truck owned and operated by the university.

The Chameleon promises to adjust its location and menu at the whims of the student body.

Boston University's
Fancy Fridays

With plenty of ironic flair, every Friday BU students flaunt their very finest attire at Shelton Hall.

The cuisine is still 100 per cent BU dining services — grilled cheese (fromage grille, perhaps?) and pizza — but the speeches are high-brow, as founding student Thomas Unger often leads sparkling cider toasts extolling the virtues of cufflinks and other accoutrement.

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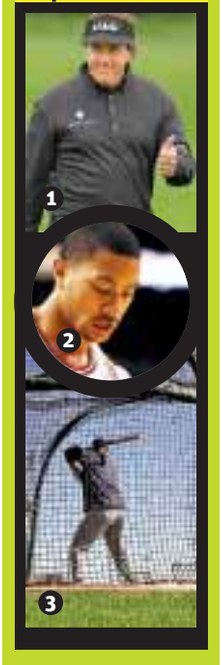
Sports in brief



1 Phil Mickelson won the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

2 Derrick Rose was out again for the Bulls' game against Boston on Sunday with what coach Tom Thibodeau called "stiffness" in his back.

3 Spring training is officially underway with Seattle's pitchers and catchers holding their first workout.
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So close, and yet so far

Raptors nearly upset Lakers before Bryant sinks jumper with four seconds left to seal win

LAKERS	RAPTORS
94	92

Kobe Bryant didn't need a huge game to dismantle the Toronto Raptors, just one good look with a few seconds left on the clock.

The Lakers superstar drained a long fadeaway jumper from the baseline with 4.2 seconds to play Sunday to lift Los Angeles to a 94-92 victory over the Raptors.

The Lakers' victory spoiled an excellent afternoon for Jose Calderon, who scored a career-high 30 points for Toronto (9-20), and came after the Raptors had battled back from an 18-point deficit.

"That's his instinct, especially late in the game, that's why you really can't have a close game," Toronto's DeMar DeRozan said of the Lakers star who famously dropped 81 points on the Raptors back in 2006.

Linas Kleiza added 15 points, Leandro Barbosa finished with 12 and DeRozan doled out a career-high seven assists in what was very nearly the Raptors' second consecutive big upset, coming two days after Toronto beat the Boston Celtics.

DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

▶ DeMar DeRozan tries to cover Lakers star Kobe Bryant on Sunday.

The game's final few seconds drew angry boos from the crowd of 19,311 at Air Canada Centre — just shy of a sellout — after Rasual Butler tried to call a timeout on Toronto's possession with 3.6 seconds left. Officials ruled Butler didn't signal for the timeout before the allowable five seconds to inbound the ball, giving possession to the Lakers.

"I was proud how we dug ourselves out, but not happy with how we dug the hole."
RAPTORS COACH DWANE CASEY

Raptors coach Dwane Casey, who was also hollering for a timeout from the bench, was livid with the call, but bit his tongue after the game for fear of being fined by the league.

"I like my money, what little money I make I like it, so I'm not going to comment on it," said Casey. "It's a tough call."

Calderon's previous career-high of 27 points came almost four years ago to the day — Feb. 11, 2008 versus San Antonio. The Raptors guard, however, shrugged off his performance.

"It doesn't matter, we lost so I don't care," Calderon said. "It's tough, when we had a chance to beat another great team like L.A. But we couldn't today so we've got to grab the positive part, we can compete against everybody, we've got to believe we can do it." THE CANADIAN PRESS

With Raonic out, Canada falls to France

Canada failed to advance to the Davis Cup quarter-finals Sunday as France's Jo-Wilfried Tsonga beat surprise substitute Frank Dancevic in straight sets.

Tsonga, the world's sixth-ranked player, prevailed 6-4, 6-4, 6-1, over the feisty 178th-ranked Niagara Falls native, who was a late replacement for Canada's injured top singles player Milos Raonic.

The win gave France an insurmountable 3-1 lead in the best-of-five competition with one match to play.

"Obviously I am extremely disappointed to not be able to play for my team today."
MILOS RAONIC

France will take on the United States in the World Group quarter-finals in April. Canada must play a World Group playoff tie in September to try to retain its spot in the elite 16-team group for 2013.

Dancevic, 31, got the call to play his first match of the weekend after Raonic pulled out due to a knee injury.

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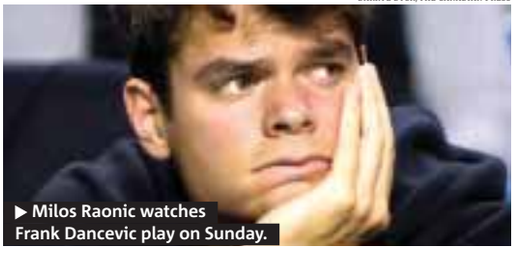

▶ Milos Raonic watches Frank Dancevic play on Sunday.

Canada, ranked 14th in the world, needed a win in the reverse singles match to keep its victory hopes alive. But the upset was not to be after Dancevic lost the opening four games of the match and then surrendered leads twice in the second set.

Raonic, the world No. 29 from Thornhill, Ont., experienced some pain in his knee after Saturdays doubles match.

"After our doubles match (Saturday) I consulted with my team, and a team of doctors regarding some pain in my knee," Raonic said in a release. "After extensive discussions, the doctors determined it is not in my best interest to play today."
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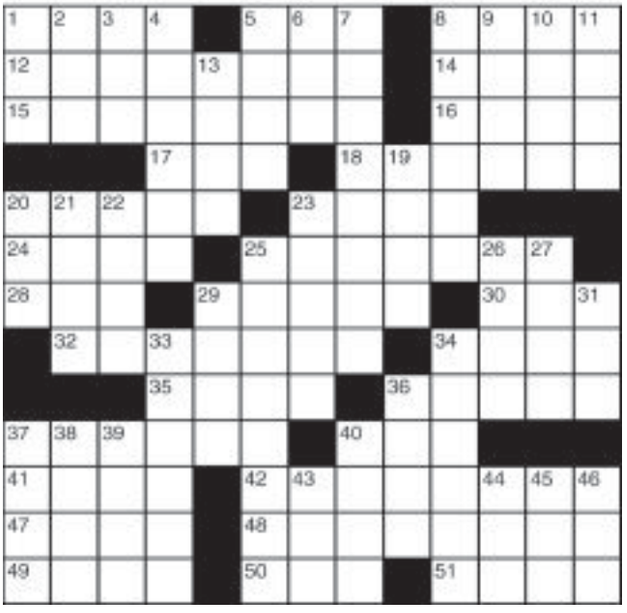
Crossword



Across

1 Stitches
5 Corn spike
8 React in horror
12 Handel's "Messiah," e.g.
14 Aware of
15 Algonquian leader
16 Individuals
17 "Of course"
18 Cancel out
20 Poe's bird
23 "Beetle Bailey" dog
24 On in years
25 Luzon language
28 Neither mate
29 Commandments bearer
30 Sheep's comment
32 First person to orbit the Earth
34 Gear teeth
35 Hits head-on
36 Cause, as havoc
37 Government in power
40 Cry of discovery
41 "American —"
42 "Madame Butterfly" setting
47 Lass
48 Shook in fear
49 Eyelid woe
50 Witness
51 Longings

Down

1 "Mayday!"
2 Historic period
3 Joker
4 Remained
5 Cupid's alias
6 Melody
7 X-ray discoverer
8 Giant number
9 "— Karenina"
10 Undo a dele
11 Sit for a picture
13 Portent
19 Greek vowels
20 Skedaddled
21 Awestruck
22 Miles of Hollywood
23 Refuge
25 Persecutes
26 Reed instrument
27 Pop singer Lady —
29 Sir's partner
31 Request
33 Ornamental grating on a car
34 "White Christmas" crooner
36 "Kapow!"
37 Fixes illicitly
38 Rewrite, maybe
39 Bloodcurdling
40 Curved molding
43 Exist
44 Brewery product
45 Barbie's companion
46 Egos' counterparts

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

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How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

Send a KISS

You can now post your kiss, and read even more kisses, at metronews.ca/kiss.

Machico
If someone would ask me what a beautiful life means, I would lean my head on your shoulder, hold you close to me and answer with a smile...like this.
FROM BOPO

Edziu Misiu
5 years have passed and our love keeps growing. I can't wait to be your wife, Ed. I will always be your best friend, your lover, and your confidant <3 You have proven that no matter what, you will always love me and I hope that I have proven the same to you. Yours Forever, Wielka Lyska.
FROM LIZIU MISIU

Her - How lucky am I to know you! You are the best thing that has ever happened to me. Thanks for being there for me. I will do anything to see that smile of you. You must know that I am here for you 24/7. Love you from the bottom of my heart. **FROM ME**

A look at the weather

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Min -7°	Min -18°	Min -19°
Max -5°	Max -4°	Max -7°

BREAKFAST TELEVISION

Jenna Khan, Weather Specialist
"Weather impacts everything we do. Providing the information you need before you head out that door and take on the day is the best part of my morning." **WEEKDAYS 5:30 AM**

Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20
Make sure your opinions are backed up by facts and figures today or you could find yourself on the defensive.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21
Don't make promises that you may not be able to deliver on.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21
If a friend asks you to get involved with some kind of cause you should study it closely before agreeing to contribute your time and money.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You will be in the right place at the right time today and you must take advantage of it.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23
If you let others know that you require their assistance today you will get all the help you need, and more.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22
It's possible that you will make some kind of mistake today, but don't stop to work out where you went wrong.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
Yes, some people can be a pain, but you won't change them, so don't try.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
If you've got something to say then say it and don't worry that certain people's egos may get bruised as a result.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Let other people take care of the chores today.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
You have all the time in the world.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
The best way to deal with someone who is giving you a hard time is to point out what they will lose if you withdraw your friendship

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 The best way to deal with any unpleasantness today is to turn your back on it and walk away. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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